

RHEUMATISM.—When a horse falls lame at uncertain and irregular intervals, and suddenly recovers, and as suddenly falls lame again, it indicates that the cause is rheumatism. Rheumatism is a form of inflammation arising from a disordered and unusually acid state of the blood, and attacks the fibrous structure, the muscles and tendons of the body. It is frequently constitutional and hereditary, and shifts from place to place without warning and very suddenly, and it may as rapidly disappear from the effects of warmth, the heat of the sun, or a change of weather—rainy, warm weather being favorable. Indigestion will cause it to appear, or a cold, or even exposure to a slight change of temperature. The most effective remedy is alkaline salts, in acetate of potash or hypophosphate of soda, given in one ounce doses and continued for a week or two. Local applications of hot fomentations or stimulating liniment to the limb affected will be useful. No corn should be applied, but soft mashes of bran or oats and lard should form the bulk of the food.

BROKEN LEGS.—Instead of summarily shooting the horse, in the greater number of fractures it is only necessary to partially sling the horse by means of a broad piece of sail or other strong cloth placed under the animal's belly, furnished with two breechings and breast girths; and by means of ropes and pulleys attached to a cross-beam above, he is elevated or lowered as may be required. By the adoption of this plan, every facility is allowed for the satisfactory treatment of fractures.

BOPS IN HORSES.—Give the horse, first, two quarts of new milk and one of molasses; fifteen minutes afterwards give two quarts of very strong sage tea; thirty minutes after the tea give three pints (or enough to operate as a physic) of carrier's oil. The molasses and milk cause the horse to go to his head, the tea puffers them up, and the oil carries the physic completely away. Cure often in the worst cases.

FOUNDER.—Boil or steam stout out straw for half an hour; then wrap it around the horse's leg quite hot, and cover up with wet wooden rags to keep in the steam; in six hours remove the application and give one quart of linseed oil. He may be worked the next day.

ALABAMA CONDITION POWDER.—Ground ginger, 1 lb.; sulphur of antimony, 1 lb.; powdered sulphur, 1 lb.; saltpetre, 1 lb. Mix all together and administer in water in such quantities as may be required. The best condition powder in existence.

Sunflower seed, given to a horse at such morning and night feed, will keep him in good spirits and give his hair a sleek appearance.—Exchange.

Trees that are not on cultivated land should receive special care until they have been set more than two years. Trees that do well the first year often die the second, because, supposing them to be out of danger, they receive no special care. It is very well understood that a tree must be looked after the first year, but not understood as well as it should be that they need particular attention the second year. In our climate the sun is very hot, and we often have long-continued dry weather, sometimes so long as to dry the soil under the roots of trees that have been set but a few years. As a tree full of leaves exhales a very large quantity of water every day, the roots to keep the tree full exhaust the moisture from the soil so rapidly that when the rainy season is checked by a hard, baked crust on top, there is not enough moisture drawn from below to keep the tree in the soil.

To keep the soil in a condition to rapidly draw the moisture from below, the top should be either well cultivated or well shaded; the latter may be best done by mulching, if done before the dry weather commences. The mulch should, if possible, be applied early in the spring. It is wonderful what a difference it makes in the moisture of the soil, whether it be well mulched or left exposed to bake in the sun.

Trees that stand where they are exposed to the hot sun, and have no lateral branches to protect the trunk for several feet above the ground, need something more than cultivation and mulching; they need to have something to prevent the hot sun from shining on the trunk. This can easily be done by winding around the trunk coarse matting, leaving it loose enough for the air to circulate freely.

During the first year after a tree is set, if the land is not cultivated, water should be applied during the dry weather twice a week, and when applied it should be in quantities sufficient to moisten the earth several feet from each tree. It is rarely necessary to stake a tree, except in very exposed positions; but when staking is resorted to, great care should be taken to prevent the limbs and trunk from chafing, by winding matting where they touch the stakes. Trees that are quickly killed rarely ever require watering the second year, but sometimes in a season of protracted drought it would be good policy to water them occasionally; in fact, in very dry places it is sometimes necessary to do so to save the lives of the trees.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

At a recent meeting of the Elmira Farmers' Club, a correspondent from Sanford's Corner, Jefferson county, New York, sent in a communication relating his experience with alcohol in developing the motherly instinct in a sow that had a hankering for a diet of young pigs. The letter was as follows: "Last week I had a Chester White sow about ready to drop her pigs. So that day I made it my business to keep a close watch of her. As soon as the first pig came she flew at it, and if it had not been for me and a club which I had, she would have killed it instantly; but I got it away from her, and as fast as they came along she tried to kill them. I managed to save all but one of them out of eight. After she was through I tried to get her to lie down and let the pigs suck, but she would not have a pig in the pen. So what to do I did not know. I had heard that to get a cross sow drunk would make her open her pig, but never had any faith in it; yet I resolved to try it. So I got a pint of alcohol, put it into four quarts of corn meal, and turned it into her trough. She ate it and in about twenty minutes was dead drunk. I laid her out and then put the seven pigs to her and they sucked all they wanted and she snuggled down beside her and went to sleep. I got out and left them to sleep. The next morning, when I went to the pen, I found them all alive and as happy as clams, and she was as proud of them as any sow we ever had. If you have a sow like this, would you saved a nice sum of money, for we would and she would be a good mother pig. Now if a pig of alcohol will be a good mother pig, why not give her a little more?—K. J. Sullivan.

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